AMENDMENTS

Amendments to the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-3, and 7-11. Please add claims 19-34, all as indicated below in the detailed listing of claims:

Claims 1-11 (canceled).

Claim 12 (withdrawn). An apparatus for automatically distributing literature to a client, comprising:

a processor;

a database comprising literature;

a controller configured to control various operational aspects of the apparatus;

a booklet-producing device configured to produce a booklet which contains selected portions of the literature;

a communication link which is connectable between the controller and the booklet-producing device, and which is configured to provide signal communication there between; and,

wherein the processor is configured to receive a request for the selected portions of the literature, to retrieve the selected portions of the literature from the database, and to transmit the selected portions of the literature to the booklet producing device via the communication link.

Claim 13 (withdrawn). The apparatus of claim 12, and further comprising a database which is resident within the controller and which is configured to contain all of the literature from which selected literature can be obtained for printing in the booklet, and wherein the processor is further configured to execute a series of computer executable steps to assemble selected portions of the literature from the database into a printable format to be printed by the booklet-producing device.

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Claim 14 (withdrawn). The apparatus of claim 12, and wherein the processor is configured to execute a series of computer executable steps to generate a cover letter addressed to the client, wherein the cover letter is based on portions of the literature selected by the client.

Claim 15 (withdrawn). The apparatus of claim 12, and wherein:

the booklet comprises a plurality of sheets of media; and,

the processor is configured to execute a series of computer executable steps to count the number of sheet of media which are used in making a given booklet and to calculate the postage for the given booklet based on the number of sheets of media counted for the given booklet, and on an estimated weight of each sheet of media.

Claim 16 (withdrawn). The apparatus of claim 12, and wherein the processor is configured to execute a series of computer executable steps to generate prompt signals to send to the client.

Claim 17 (withdrawn). The apparatus of claim 12, and wherein the processor is configured to execute a series of computer executable steps to receive and direct signals from the client via a communication link.

Claim 18 (withdrawn). The apparatus of claim 12, and further comprising a client interface device in signal communication with the controller.

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Claim 19 (new). A method, comprising:

provideing a client interface, wherein the client interface comprises at least a portion of a telecommunications network;

detecting a client inquiry via the client interface;

presenting an information selection prompt via the client interface in response to the client inquiry;

receiving a client selection via the client interface in response to presenting the information selection prompt;

obtaining electronic images, wherein:

at least one of the electronic images is obtained as a function of the client selection; and,

at least one of the electronic images is a postage marking;

providing a booklet producing device; and,

printing the electronic images via the booklet producing device onto one or more sheets of print media.

Claim 20 (new). The method of claim 19, further comprising:

presenting a name and address prompt via the client interface; and,

receiving a client name and postal address in response to presenting the name and address prompt.

Claim 21 (new). The method of claim 20, wherein at least one of the electronic images is the client name and postal address.

Claim 22 (new). The method of claim 19, wherein at least one of the images is representative of an image to be purchased by the client.

Claim 23 (new). The method of claim 22, wherein the image to be purchased by the client is substantially in the form of sheet music.

Claim 24 (new). The method of claim 22, wherein the image to be purchased by the client is substantially in the form of artistic graphics.

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Claim 25 (new). The method of claim 22, wherein the image to be purchased by the client is substantially in the form of literary text.

Claim 26 (new). The method of claim 22, wherein the image to be purchased by the client is substantially in the form of technical data.

Claim 27 (new). A method, comprising:

    providing a client interface, wherein the client interface comprises at least a portion of the Internet;

    detecting a client inquiry via the client interface;

    presenting an information selection prompt via the client interface in response to the client inquiry;

    receiving a client selection via the client interface in response to presenting the information selection prompt;

    obtaining electronic images, wherein:

        at least one of the electronic images is obtained as a function of the client selection; and,

        at least one of the electronic images is a postage marking;

    providing a booklet producing device; and,

    printing the electronic images via the booklet producing device onto one or more sheets of print media.

Claim 28 (new). The method of claim 27, further comprising:

    presenting a name and address prompt via the client interface; and,

    receiving a client name and postal address in response to presenting the name and address prompt.

Claim 29 (new). The method of claim 28, wherein at least one of the electronic images is the client name and postal address.

Claim 30 (new). The method of claim 27, wherein at least one of the images is representative of an image to be purchased by the client.

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Claim 31 (new). The method of claim 30, wherein the image to be purchased by the client is substantially in the form of sheet music.

Claim 32 (new). The method of claim 30, wherein the image to be purchased by the client is substantially in the form of artistic graphics.

Claim 33 (new). The method of claim 30, wherein the image to be purchased by the client is substantially in the form of literary text.

Claim 34 (new). The method of claim 30, wherein the image to be purchased by the client is substantially in the form of technical data.

-- End of Amendments --

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